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## TAFT BELIEVES WORLD IS RIPE FOR PEACE

Ex-President Says League Can Be Formed to Enable Nations to Settle Quarrels Before Resorting to Arms.

### RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS MUST BE RECOGNIZED

They Are Titled to Be Consulted Before Their Interests Are Infringed By Warring Neighbors.

PHILADELPHIA, June 16.—Former President Taft in an address tonight outlined the plan for the proposed League of Peace which will be discussed in Independence Hall tomorrow. Taft is firmly of the opinion that a League of Peace could be formed which would enable nations to avoid war by furnishing a practical means of settling international quarrels or "suspending them until the blinding heat of passion had cooled."

He declared that as much as he would be willing to sacrifice to secure peace, no attempt would be made at the meeting tomorrow to bring the European war to an end. "In calling this meeting," Mr. Taft said, "my associates and I have not been unaware that we might be likened to the failures of Tooley Street who mistook themselves for the people of all England. We wish to say that we do not represent any body but ourselves. We are not here to suggest means for bringing this war to an end—much as that is to be desired, and much as we would be willing to sacrifice to secure peace—that is not within the project of the present meeting."

"We hope and pray for peace and our hope of its coming in the near future is sufficient to make us think that the present is good time to discuss and formulate a series of proposals to which the assent of a number of the great powers could be secured. In no war has the direct interest of neutrals have in preventing war between neighbors been so clearly made known. This interest of neutrals has been so forced upon them that it will require only a slight development and growth in law and international relations to develop that interest to the point of a right to be consulted before such a war among neighbors can be begun."

SALTILLO CAPTURED BY VILLA TROOPS

LAREDO, June 16.—Carranza officials at Nuevo Laredo tonight admitted that Saltillo has fallen into the hands of Villa troops under General Ramon and Madero. They persist, however, in claiming victory over Villa at Laredo, where General Vasquez, the former Carranza commander at Nuevo Laredo, received fatal wounds. It is reported that the Constitutionalists have evacuated Monterrey.

A letter received here dated Monterrey, June 14, brings the information that Monterrey on that date had been surrounded for three days by Villa forces. A report in Nuevo Laredo tonight said that Carranza troops evacuated Monterrey today, retreating toward Villahermosa. The Monterrey letter said that Carranza had levied against merchants there for 500,000 pesos, Carranza money, and for 100 pesos in gold against the three local banks to pay the troops.

### 2,800,000 GERMANS FIGHTING RUSSIANS.

LONDON, June 16.—Military observers at Petrograd express the belief that two million eight hundred thousand Germans are operating against the Russians. No one has attempted to say with any exactitude how many Russians are opposing this immense force but early in war Russia's potential powers for recruiting were placed high up in the millions.

### SHIP TORPEDOED.

LONDON, June 16.—The British Steamer Strathairn, bound from Cardiff to Archangel, Russia, with coal, was torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Channel. Eleven of the crew were landed at Milfordhaven. The captain and rest of the crew were drowned when their boat capsized.

### 40 KILLED IN LATEST ZEPPELIN RAIDS

LONDON, June 16.—An official statement tonight said: "Further inquiries show that the casualties in connection with the visit of a Zeppelin to the northeast coast Tuesday night amount to 16 killed and 40 injured. It is now possible to state more exactly the casualties resulting from airship raids on another portion of the northeast coast on the night of June 6. The number of deaths there was twenty-four, comprising five men, all civilians, thirteen women and six children. There were also forty cases of more or less seriously injured. The principal fires were in drapery establishments, lumber yards and the terraces of small houses."

## U. S. TROOPS SENT AGAINST YAQUIS

Reported Peril of Americans Is Followed By Washington Orders for Expeditionary Force to Land.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Orders of the navy department were sent today to Admiral Howard, commanding the Pacific Fleet, to take three hundred blue-jackets and the same number of marines previously arranged for, on his expedition into the Yaqui valley. Assistant Secretary Roosevelt said the Admiral had wide discretionary powers to land the expedition of necessary to rescue Americans who want to come out of the region.

According to advices to the State Department, the Yaquis have declared war on Germany, Mexico and the United States. The declaration is made against Germany because of a German colonist who is a crack shot and who with remarkable success in defending his home has brought disaster to Indian raiders.

The decision to send Admiral Howard to Guaymas was reached after a conference between navy and State Department officials. Although no deaths have been reported since the uprising several weeks ago, the Yaquis have threatened to annihilate foreigners, and on June nine they swept through the valley destroying crops and property. The State Department advices of the last few days said in effect that the situation was extremely threatening for Americans, and it was deemed advisable to reinforce the cruisers Cleveland and New Orleans now at Guaymas.

## FRANK'S FATE RESTS WITH THE GOVERNOR

His Counsel Concludes Argument Based on Testimony During Trial.

ATLANTA, June 16.—Leo Frank's final appeal for commutation of his death sentence to life imprisonment is completed and his fate is placed in the hands of Governor Slaton, who took the petition under advisement with the announcement that the would make a decision as early as possible. It is not expected before Friday or Saturday at the earliest. Next Tuesday is the date set for Frank's execution for the murder of Mary Phagan.

The conclusion of the proceedings before Governor Slaton exhausted the last recourse Frank may employ in his effort to escape the gallows. The decision, whether for or against commutation, will bring to an end a remarkable series of legal contests in the state and federal courts, to clear Frank's name and proceedings for clemency before the state prison commission and Governor Slaton.

The session today was occupied by William Howard in his closing argument in Frank's behalf. Howard was interrupted frequently by questions from the Governor's appointees of evidence and by Solicitor Dorsey, who took issue with the statement as to what had been brought out at the trial. Howard attacked the testimony of witnesses and sought to convince the Governor of alleged inconsistencies and contradictions in the testimony and affidavits of Jim Conley, the negro who served a prison term after the trial. He asserted that Conley's testimony was an invention of his own mind, designed to divert suspicion from himself.

## FIGHTING PRIEST IN THE BELGIAN TRENCHES WATCHES BATTLE



A fighting priest in a Belgian trench with a gun crew. Photo was taken during a recent hot engagement in Flanders. One of the priests of the army is shown.

## SENATE MOULDS LAND BILL TO ITS LIKING

Measure Will Include Appointment of a Commissioner Who Will Select Two Members of His Board.

PHOENIX, June 16.—The senate spent the day on the land bill and completed reading approximately two-thirds of the measure.

The most important amendment was to provide for but one board of appraisers for lands and the improvements thereon. The house bill had a separate board for each. The senate provision gives the land commissioner power to appoint two members of the board, the third member to be selected by the chairman of the board of supervisors of the county where the land is located. There is every indication that the senate will dispose of the bill tomorrow and when complete. It will contain the name of a state land commissioner.

The appointment was today offered to John R. Hampton, formerly of Greenlee County, now of Phoenix, a prominent Democrat and lawyer. Hampton did not look upon the suggestion with favor and leaders are seeking elsewhere for an appointee.

The house agreed on the terms of a general county division bill and by a vote of 17 to 9, ordered a bill introduced under which twenty percent of the residents of a proposed new county may initiate an election on division at which, in order to carry, seventy-five percent of the votes in the new part, a difference in the old, or ninety percent in new, must vote in the affirmative. Both the old and the new county must have at least five million valuation and at least a thousand qualified electors, and in every event sixty percent of the electors voting at an election where division is submitted, must vote in the affirmative.

After disposition of the county division measure and the land bill, it is the present program of the majority members to force a final adjournment which some are optimistic enough to think may be effected at the end of the present week.

## ROCKEFELLER HOSPITALS FOR ALL OVER CHINA.

NEW YORK, June 16.—In furtherance of its plan to spread over China a chain of American hospitals to be managed by American surgeons with a view to improving the medical and hospital conditions in the republic, the Rockefeller Foundation here tonight announced it has purchased the Union Medical College at Peking and that about August 1 three eminent physicians will sail from San Francisco for China formally to take over the institution and further develop the work. It was also announced that the board has made an appropriation of \$25,000 a year for five years to the Yale Medical College at Chan Shu. Similar sums were appropriated for several missionary hospitals.

### STATE AUTO DITCHED TO SAVE MONEY

The first act of Sidney Osburn, acting Governor by reason of the absence from the state of Governor Hunt, was to order the state automobile into the garage. He disapproved of the expenditure of four hundred dollars in taxpayers' money each month for the upkeep of this vehicle.

## PEACE EFFORTS SPURNED BY CARRANZA

He Rejects Overtures Made By a Convention Called in Mexico City to Secure Temporary Armistice.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Carranza has declined, for the present at least, to accept overtures of peace in Mexico from the Villa-Zapata faction.

Three such offers have gone unanswered. The last, it became known, was transmitted through the medium of the United States without comment. A few days ago, a convention with Francisco Chazaro presiding, assembled in Mexico City and formally presented to the Brazilian minister, as representative of the American government, for transmission to Carranza, a proposal for a thirty day armistice, during which arrangements would be made establishing a provisional government. It was suggested that both sides maintain a military truce, and that the armistice be extended from time to time while the parties continued. The plan included the holding of a popular election to be supervised by the factions in control in various sections of the country.

The proposal was communicated to Carranza by American Consul Stillman. Upon inquiry as to whether there would be a reply, Carranza is understood merely to have said there would be none. Since last Monday Carranza had personal telegrams from Villa urging a conference of their representatives for a discussion of peace terms. It is known here, too, that a delegation from the convention in Mexico City met General Gonzalez, Carranza's commander near the capital and asked for arrangements for an armistice, and that he demanded in reply, the unconditional surrender of the city. Villa-Zapata followers claim these efforts demonstrate their willingness to heed the suggestion in President Wilson's statement that the factions in Mexico settle their differences.

### 122,300 RUSSIANS CAUGHT.

LONDON, June 16.—The capture of 122,300 Russians and a great number of guns from June 1 to 15 is reported by the Austrian war office. Berlin gives the German General Von Mackensen credit for the capture of 40,000 since June 12. Whether the latter included the Austrian estimate is not clear.

## GERARD CABLES GERMAN VIEW OF NOTE

Berlin Received It in Courteous and Friendly Manner; Story of Dr. Gerhard Hoax Is Discredited.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Ambassador Gerard has cabled his first informal report on how the last American note to Germany was received in official quarters in Berlin. He spoke of its reception as friendly and courteous, and said the unanimous opinion seemed to be that the document afforded a basis for diplomatic negotiations and settlement.

Long extracts from German newspaper editorials, most of which were already published here, were transmitted by the ambassador. There was friendliness of tone in them and an absence of such bitterness as previously characterized some newspaper utterances. The ambassador's own comment is brief, of a general character, and bears out press reports of the favorable impression made by the note, especially because of published reports which reached Germany that the United States would send something in the nature of an ultimatum. Gerard had no intimation as to when a reply would be received, or what its specific character would be.

Acting Secretary Lansing has received word from sources regarded as reliable, that the man who sailed to Germany with a safe conduct, was carrying messages to the foreign office at Berlin from the German ambassador, was Dr. Anton Meyer. Doubt had been cast on the identity of the ambassador's envoy by published reports that safe conduct Gerard's name had in reality been obtained for Dr. Alfred Meyer, chief of the supply department of the German army.

One report said that Meyer had been buying supplies in the United States. Another story was to the effect that Meyer accompanied Gerard. State Department officials expressed much curiosity over the reports but instituted no formal investigation. From one of the editors of a New York newspaper, an American citizen, came word that he knew both Meyer and Gerard, and that he personally saw the latter on June 3 take to a boat for Norway. While the State Department would examine and evidence that might be brought to it, nothing thus far indicates, it is said officially, that there is any foundation for the charges of trickery.

## CHICAGO DISPUTANTS AGREE TO ARBITRATE

Strike Is Called Off and All Traffic Is Resumed

CHICAGO, June 16.—Normal service on the Chicago elevated and surface car lines was today resumed after an all night session in which railway and labor representatives and the council committee headed by Mayor Thompson all agreed to arbitration. The elevated lines resumed service soon after announcement of the agreement but it was several hours before anything like a normal schedule was in operation. On the surface lines, the first cars to appear downtown reached the loop about eleven. They attracted great crowds which cheered enthusiastically. Thereafter, there was a gradual increase in the number but not until the rush hours at evening were the surface lines in full operation.

The formal agreement between the company and the unions was not signed until noon although an order had gone out to fourteen thousand five hundred employees to return to work, several hours before. Mayor Thompson is credited with bringing about the agreement and was chosen third or neutral arbiter. Arbiters representing the men and the companies will be chosen by the respective interests before Saturday, on which day the first meeting of arbiters will be held.

### CALIFORNIA OBJECTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 16.—Fourteen representatives of the Republican, Democratic, Socialistic and Prohibition parties have named an executive committee to promote a referendum campaign against the non-partisan state election bills passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

### ROME THREATENED BY HIDDEN AEROPLANE

ROME, June 16.—A strange aeroplane flew over Rome a few nights ago. All lights in the city were put out immediately when the presence of the aeroplane became known, and on every hand questions were asked. Partial solution of the mystery is given by the Messaggero, which publishes the following: "Our enemies have succeeded in bringing an aeroplane to a point near Rome where it is being kept in hiding. It already has flown over the city."

## BRITISH MAKE DRIVE ALONG MILE FRONT

Victory Is Taken From Them. However, By Fierce Onslaughts in Which Germans Regain Lost Ground.

LONDON, June 16.—For the first time in weeks there has been heavy fighting over comparatively extensive lines along the British front in Belgium and France. The Berlin official announcement makes note of it and describes it as an Anglo-French movement, synchronizing with the Russian reverses in Galicia. To win a mile front and then to lose it before terrific German counter attacks, was the experience of the British Tuesday near Festubert. In a statement frank in brief, Field Marshal French records this incident but does not state the losses which must have been heavy on both sides. The Germans are no frank in conceding the loss of ground near Ypres but make no mention of having been forced even temporarily to yield a mile of their Festubert stronghold.

In the east, the Austro-German advance continues to swing forward with the exception of a section between the Dneister marshes and Zurewanna where the Russians are holding bridge heads and making some headway.

General Von Mackensen, according to dispatches, has given himself a fortnight in which to capture Tarnoberg, and would seem at the rate that his co-ordinate forces are going forward at this time that the limit will be ample if the Russians are unable to initiate a stiffer resistance than they are showing now. The latest Zeppelin raid in England has created hardly a ripple of excitement. Aircraft protection was one of the subjects discussed in the House of Commons, Wm. Johnson-Hicks urging a marked increase in this branch. He said London might soon expect a serious raid and added that at one time more than five Zeppelins of the latest type were over England. Under secretary of war, H. J. Tennant, besides giving assurances that biplane aeroplanes were under construction said that the beginning of the war number of machines had been increased ten-fold, and the number of men engaged in this branch, five fold.

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## JULY FOURTH COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED IN FULL

Men From Every Walk of Life Will Combine Zeal and Ability in Gigantic Effort for Holiday Success.

### UNANIMOUS ENTHUSIASM AUGURS TRIUMPH

Freedom's Natal Day Will Be Notable One for Juveniles; Fun, Frolic and Fireworks Will Reign Supreme.

When the general public begins to get an idea of the magnificent celebration of the Fourth of July which the various committees in charge of arrangements are planning, they will not harbor the slightest desire to go elsewhere to mark another mile in the progress of national history. Allurements of El Paso and Los Angeles alike, will fade into insignificance beside the splendid day of gala amusements and patriotic observance which is being arranged by the official committee members.

At the conference yesterday afternoon of the general committee appointed at Tuesday evening's meeting, it was agreed that no effort should be spared which would add to make the observance the most elaborate possible. In fact it was unanimous sentiment, that, once having entered into the celebration project, it behooved the various committee to prepare a program which would be in keeping with the prospects and progress of the Warrent District. From that the project is actually under way it is felt that whatever opposition there may have been will be obliterated in the general public pride and loyalty which will be rekindled in one great effort for an observation which will be another mark of the effective energy of the citizens of the district.

As the plans of the different committees are matured, detailed announcements of the Fourth program will be made. It is safe to state that no desirable detail will be omitted, although it is but reasonable to expect that the generally accepted elements of a "safe and sane" Fourth will be exemplified.

One of the features of the day, at least from the standpoint of spectacular interest, will be the night parade. As it is the wish of the leaders of the celebration movement to make the parade one of exceptional excellence, and a particularly large committee has been appointed to oversee the arrangements.

Plenty of healthy sports competitions will also be in order. The young or element, especially, finds between the ages of 12 and 17 years, have demonstrated an unusually brave and potent interest in the history of some athletic sports events, in which they may have the opportunity to participate. One of the drawing cards will be a public horse race which has formerly made such a hit here.

Music, patriotic and popular, will not be overlooked. Members of the Lerley Boys Band are welcoming this occasion as an opportunity to make their stent appearance. They already have a splendid repertoire of numbers, embracing many of the latest hits of the day. Much public interest already has been evinced in this organization of ambitious and talented juveniles.

The special features will not be overlooked and a capable reception committee will attend to the matter of properly greeting and entertaining the many outsiders who will doubtless flock to the district. All the committeemen are anxious that every visitor to the city be delightfully impressed with the true and sincere hospitality of the Warren District.

A baseball committee has been appointed which will see that the fans have opportunity to gratify their appetite for the best diamond sport obtainable in the southwest. Members of this committee are closely in touch with the baseball situation, both locally and throughout the state, and should therefore be able to furnish something of a 100 per cent gold quality for the edification of the local rooters.

Frick's Park will be the scene of some jolly outing activities. Special efforts will be made to cater to the (Continued on page 2)